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SPECIAL SUNDAY EDITION LATEST TELEGRAMS

SULTAN AND INDIA. STRANGE REPORT FROM VIENNA LAST NIGHT.

VIENNA, Dec. 11.—A despatch from Constantinople, received to-day, states that a Greek Catholic, named Rigo, has been charged by the Sultan with a mission to India, to make investigations as to the causes of the Afghani rising against the British. Mr. Rigo, it is stated, is on the point of setting out. The report at present lacks confirmation, and, indeed, it is naturally considered that if the Sultan desired to send a commissioner to the Indian frontier he would be far more likely to entrust the work to a Mussulman.—CENTRAL NEWS SPECIAL.

FINISHING THE REBELS. SULTA, Dec. 11.—The 1st Brigade and the Divisional troops have been engaged in administering severe punishment to the Aka Kheis. Travelling a difficult path into the Wanan Valley, the enemy being taken completely by surprise. The British loss was one sepoy killed and 5 wounded.—REUTERS.

CHINA AND GERMANY. PEKING, Dec. 11.—The difficulty between China and Germany is practically settled. The Germans refuse to discuss the question of the occupation of Kiaochow. The governor of Shantung has been ordered to leave office, but is not further disqualified. No monopoly of railways and mines in Shantung is conceded to Germany, but ceteris paribus Germany will receive the preference. The area immediately surrounding Kiaochow is set apart exclusively for Germany. China yields on all other points.—REUTERS.

BRITAIN, Dec. 11.—It is semi-officially declared that there is no foundation whatever for the statement that the Germans will shortly leave Kiaochow and occupy Samsan Island.—REUTERS.

KAISER AND PRINCE HENRY. BERLIN, Dec. 11.—On Tuesday, the Emperor William will arrive at Kiel where he will embark with Prince Henry of Prussia and accompany him through the North Sea Canal on Wednesday. The "Tagblatt" learns that Japan has declared that the government of the Mikado will make no objection to the German occupation of Kiaochow, provided that the territory annexed does not exceed a zone 100 miles in extent.—CENTRAL NEWS.

HAMBURG, Dec. 11.—A despatch from Berlin states that on his way to Chinese waters Prince Henry of Prussia will take advantage of the one day's stay to be made at Plymouth by the German warships to pay a farewell visit to Queen Victoria.—REUTERS.

SOUDAN CONQUEST. SIX THOUSAND BRITISH TROOPS TO PARTICIPATE. It has now been decided that 6,000 British troops will be sent to the Sudan to take part in the operations for the conquest of the dervishes. As the transport of these troops will take a considerable time, the original intention of making an advance in Jan. is abandoned. Nothing, indeed, will be done until next Sept. in order to avoid exposure of the European troops to the intense heat which prevails in the early part of the year. The railway to Berber will not be completed before March, as there is now no occasion to accelerate its construction.

DERVISHES ACTIVE. The occasional reports about the evacuation of Metemneh by the dervishes are not to be credited, for although the gunboats go down every fortnight and inflict considerable damage on the dervish fortifications, the dervishes are in no way demoralized, but set to work to repair the works after the gunboats have left. It is thus evident they have no intention of leaving Metemneh, as they are not without fighting.

CAIRO, Dec. 11.—The gunboats on Wednesday pushed a reconnaissance as far as Metemneh and Shendi, capturing 6 dervish boats and a quantity of grain. At the same time they ascended a portion of the Nile to Shendi, and that new fortifications had been erected, from which the gunboats were fired upon, though no damage was done to them.—REUTERS.

MOVEMENTS OF GEN. KITCHENER. CAIRO, Dec. 11.—Gen. Kitchener starts up the Nile on Tuesday.

THE ANTILLES, MARTINIQUE, AND GUADELLOUPE. JUDGE COMMITS SUICIDE. PARIS, Dec. 11.—M. Bampier, the Judge d'Instruction charged to investigate the further inquiry into the Panama scandal, committed suicide this morning by throwing himself from the window of his private office situated on the fourth floor of the Palace of Justice.—CENTRAL NEWS.

THE PRAGUE RIOTS. TRIAL OF THE ACCUSED: THE EMPEROR AND THE TROOPS. PRAGUE, Dec. 11.—The trial of the persons charged with being implicated in the recent rioting and pillaging in this city began to-day. Up to noon 6 cases had been disposed of, the prisoners found guilty being sentenced to terms of hard labour varying from 3 weeks to 12 months.—REUTERS.

SPAIN AND CUBA. WINDFALL FOR INSURGENTS: CUBAN DEATH ROLL. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—According to telegrams from Havana the rebels have succeeded in bringing off a coup which will replenish their coffers for some time to come. The report is that a large amount of money destined for the Spanish troops, and on its way to Havana, was for the time being deposited in the small town of Calimera. A body of insurgents learned of the existence of the Spanish officer in charge, and the Spanish officer in charge, and 16 Volunteers who were in charge of it, and with their assistance they succeeded in getting away with 150,000 dollars of the money. They were attacked by the Spanish troops, who saved a large amount from falling into their hands, but were not strong enough to frustrate their plans altogether. The traitorous officer and the 16 Volunteers joined the rebels.—CENTRAL NEWS SPECIAL.

INSURGENT LOSSES. HAVANA, Dec. 11.—During the last 10 days the insurgents have lost 113 killed, 35 taken prisoner, and 348 wounded. During the same period the Spanish troops have had 10 officers and 12 men killed and 11 officers and 110 men wounded. A further batch of 487 soldiers has been invalided home. Several encounters with the rebels in various parts have taken place within the last 2 or 3 days.—CENTRAL NEWS SPECIAL.

MADRID, Dec. 11.—The insurgent chief Rivera, Maceo's successor, was sent on board a steamer yesterday to be conveyed as a prisoner to Cadiz.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE. SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. The greatest secrecy is being observed in official circles in Paris and London as to the progress of the Anglo-French negotiations in Paris for the settlement of the boundaries of the French possessions in Africa. We have, however, says the "St. James's Gazette," good reason to believe that the basis for a satisfactory arrangement has been agreed to. The negotiations are of a three-fold character. They concern, firstly, the exact tracing of the Say-Barra line west of the Niger; secondly, the ownership of the country between the Niger and the Senegal; and, thirdly, the hinterland of the Gold Coast. On the settlement of the first point

NO REAL DIFFICULTIES. had arisen, and with regard to the Gold Coast hinterland there is no substantial agreement. The real difficulty has concerned the French claims to Borgu. On this point the British Government remains firm, and M. Hanotaux is now, there is good reason for stating, prepared to recognize the priority of British rights. It will probably be found, however, that the French possessions will be allowed to come a little south of the Niger. The visit of Baron de Courcelle, the French Ambassador to Mr. Chamberlain at the Colonial Office was to discuss the basis of agreement between the 2 Governments. The visit of an Ambassador to another member of the Government than the Foreign Secretary is a most unusual and significant step.

LANCASTRIANS IN LONDON WILL GIVE A smoking concert at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday. Sir D. Duckworth will preside. A silver cup is to be presented to Wm. Howard, of Eynsford, for having held his allotment continuously for 59 years. The grandfathers of Sir Wm. Hart-Dyke granted the allotment to Howard, with special permission to plant fruit trees, in 1838.

CHARLES EUGENE DELION AND EMILE PIERRE VOILLARD, 2 Frenchmen, who have been in custody for about a month past under a warrant at the instance of the French Government, charged with the murder of a woman in the neighbourhood of Cherbourg, were brought up at Bow-st. yesterday, and further remanded.

EDWARD JENNER AND NELLIE HEWETT were charged with stealing and receiving a quantity of bacon, &c., the property of the British Produce Supply Association, and was seen to serve the same as a prisoner in the instance of a prisoner with goods valued at 10s., and giving her a bill for only 1s. 3d. She was sentenced to 14 days, and the man to 3 months' hard labour.

FATAL FIGHT. BOXER MEETS WITH A TRAGIC END.

REVELATIONS AT YESTERDAY'S INQUEST.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

Following a boxing match held at the National Sporting Club on Monday Walter Crook, the defeated boxer, after remaining unconscious for some time, died early on Tuesday. The boxing match had been a 20-round contest between Walter Crook and James Barry of Chicago, for what is known as the 7st. 10lb. championship. Crook was killed by a blow on the head, which was delivered by Barry.

Yesterday, at St. Vincent Hall, Mr. J. Troutbeck held an inquiry respecting the death of Crook, who was described as a fine worker, aged 23, lately residing in Downland-st., Stratford.

James Barry and several officials of the National Sporting Club and others are under remand (on bail at Bow-st., charged with being concerned in causing the manslaughter of Mr. G. C. F. Gill, instructed by Mr. G. C. F. Gill, on behalf of the Club, to fight with Crook. The fight was witnessed by Mr. G. C. F. Gill, who was killed by a blow on the head, which was delivered by Crook.

IDENTIFIED THE BODY. as that of his brother. Witness said he was present at the boxing contest on the 6th at the National Sporting Club. The contest took place in a proper ring, and gloves were worn. Witness attended on his brother as a "second." Nothing was done as to stuffing of the gloves after they were put on; the stuffing was not pressed on one side. The contest took place under the Queensberry Rules for the National Sporting Club. Articles were signed. Of the total, 280 was to go to the winner, and 220 to the loser. The deceased, who was trained by Frank Baker, had been in training for a fortnight. Witness saw the contest from the ring, and saw the blow which started to finish; it was a perfectly "scientific" one, and he secured the most points, but he would not be told the result until after the finish. Nine rounds had been fought and finished when his brother fell. They were 3 minutes each, with one minute interval. After the 19th round witness attended his brother, and he went up for the 20th as at any time during the contest. He said he felt all right. Half way through the last round the deceased received one or two body blows, which appeared to weaken him. The blows appeared to witness to be under the heart, and his brother fell on the back of his head. He did not move after falling, and the fight was over.

THE REFEREE IN THE CONTEST. At the end of the 18th round the points were level. In the 19th round Barry obtained a slight lead of 2 points, which was increased in the 20th round. Barry forced the boxing in the last round, and delivered a blow on Crook's body, followed by a right-handed blow on the point of the jaw. Crook then fell. The blow was not of great severity, but the referee determined that the issue of the contest, in all his experience he had never seen less punishment inflicted in a contest extending over 20 rounds than in this up to the last round. A knock-out blow was of frequent occurrence, even among amateurs. The timekeeper, Richard Smith, of Brickton, said it was a scientific contest. The rules were based on the Queensberry rules, and were adopted at public schools and Army competitions. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, due to the fracture of the skull, and added that there was no evidence to show that the blow was an attempt to "knock-out."

HEAVY DEFALCATIONS. At Liverpool yesterday, before Justice Ridley, William Western Tapscott, manager of 4 shipping companies, whose office was in Old Hall-st., Liverpool, was found guilty of misappropriating the monies of the companies to a large amount. It was shown that the defalcations amounted to 236,000, that he lost one company's money to the other, and that he paid his own stockbroker's account with it. He was sentenced to 3 years' penal servitude.

THE LATE GALES. Five fishing smacks, belonging to Boulogne and Calais, are believed to have been lost with all hands in the recent gales. The vessels have been missing over a fortnight. They carried 44 hands between them. A boat belonging to one of them was picked up in the channel yesterday.

MR. F. G. BANBURY, M.P., will preside at the Chaucer Harmonic Society's concert on Tuesday next at the Metropolitan Hotel, Chaucer-road, Epsom.

ENGINEERS' DISPUTE. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS: RESULTS OF THE BALLOT.

Yesterday, the officials of the A.S.E. received at their chief office, Blackfriars, the results of the voting of a large number of the branches in all parts of the kingdom with reference to the rejection or acceptance of the employers' proposals for a settlement of the dispute. From an analysis of the returns it was ascertained that in many instances the men, both union and non-union, had voted absolutely unanimously against the acceptance of the masters' terms, whilst in other cases the majority in favour of rejection was 500, and 400 to one. It was stated that nothing could now prevent a substantial majority being cast against acceptance, and under those circumstances the dispute would be continued for some time unless the employers agreed to modify their demands—a probability somewhat remote.

MR. BARNES, the secretary of the society, in an interview last evening with reference to the publication by the employers of the series of "notes" and "observations" relating to their proposals submitted to the men's delegates at the conference, stated that it was an attempt to demonstrate to the general public that the terms of settlement were not so stringent or drastic as was generally supposed. That the attempt had proved a signal failure was proved by the fact that the men were voting practically unanimously against the acceptance of the proposals. With regard to the piece work proposal, the employers had informed the public that the men's delegates had agreed to it, and that the minimum district standard rate of wages remained at issue to the end of the conference. On the question of the men's delegates expressed themselves willing to work harmoniously with non-unionists, upon the understanding that no preference as regards employment should be given to non-unionists as against unionists. Respecting the question of the employment of apprentices were given of attempts at restriction and interference by the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. As a matter of fact, a single isolated case was cited. All through it had been a glaring attempt to mislead the public and to present the case of the men in the most unfavourable light possible.

THE 23rd distribution of dispute pay to the 82,000 men at present on strike or locked out throughout the United Kingdom took place, the total sum disbursed being estimated at 237,000. The following are the latest returns with respect to the country:—English workers, 26,500; allied workers, 15,000; non-unionists, 6,500; labourers, 34,000; total, 82,000. During the day about 41,200 was received at the headquarters of the society towards the last of the fund, including a Society of Carpenters and Joiners, and 2500 from Germany.

FROM THE PROVINCES. Telegrams received last night from various sources show that the local branches of the A.S.E. have voted with practical unanimity against acceptance of the masters' terms. The same answer comes from Sheffield, Middlesbrough, the Harbours, Stockton, Paisley, Belfast, &c., the opposition being overwhelming in each instance. The full returns are not anticipated before to-morrow night, and the result will be communicated to the employers on Tuesday, the day fixed for the resumption of the conference. In the Leeds heavy poll of 3,497, the terms of the employers were rejected.

THE RAILWAY AGITATION. Yesterday Mr. Bell, the acting general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, and several members of the executive council were engaged drawing up a circular to the secretaries of the various grade movements throughout the United Kingdom, directing them to forward without delay the proposals formulated at the recent conference at Birmingham for an increase in wages and an improved condition of service to the respective railway companies for consideration. Along with the proposals will be the names of 7 men representing the particular grade of railway servants desiring to meet the railway directors to discuss the proposals. Yesterday it was ascertained that the railway companies were prepared to meet deputations of the employees to discuss any grievances they cared to bring forward, but under no circumstances would they treat with intermediaries.

John Pierce Evans, who was committed for trial on the Limerick Assize for the wilful murder of his wife at Knockderry, has been pronounced insane, and removed to the Limerick District Lunatic Asylum.

Yesterday, at their rooms in Wellington-street, Strand, Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge concluded the sale of the 2nd portion of the magnificent collection of books, the property of the Earl of Ashburnham. This portion of the library comprises some rare and early specimens of Caxton's press, some rare Missal and other old service books. The total amount raised for this portion was £15,000.

PARIS ATROCITY. MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

We learn on the best authority that any rumour which states or implies that any change in Mr. Chamberlain's tenure of office as Colonial Secretary has been contemplated by him or suggested to him, is without the least foundation.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

To-morrow Lieut.-col. the Hon. C. Dutton, who served on the staff in the Afghan war, 1879, will retire from the staff and vacate the post of recruiting staff officer at Sheffield. He will be succeeded by Capt. Grant, 2nd Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment.

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HEARTLESS BEHAVIOUR. SAID STORY TOLD IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

In the Divorce Court yesterday, Sir F. Jenner heard the petition of Mr. A. Hamilton Farley, a first-class petty officer and signaller in the Royal Navy, who sought a divorce by reason of the adultery of his wife with a man named Mr. C. A. Derry, residing in the County Court, against whom damages were claimed.—Mr. Wilcock appeared for petitioner, who married respondent on July 31, 1894, at Portsmouth, because he was ordered abroad the following month. He was absent in Australia 3 years, and was absent from his wife's mother, and he sent her regularly half his pay. After a time she made the acquaintance of co-respondent. Her sister met them together on Fratton Station on one occasion, and implored Mr. Derry not to take Mrs. Farley away, saying, "What would you do if any man treated your wife like that?" Derry replied that he would certainly shoot him, yet he went away with respondent, and they went to live at Huxton Villa, near Chichester, where a child was born.—His lordship, in his judgment, said that this was a sad and very cruel case, the conduct of accused parties being heartless.—The jury found for petitioner, and assessed the damages at £150. His lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs, and ordered that the damages be paid direct to petitioner.

GREAT TRADE UNION CASE.

The House of Lords will on Tuesday give judgment in the case of Allen v. Flood and Taylor, an appeal by the London and Dock Employers' Association against the decision of the House of Lords in the case of the Shipwrights' Society. The case has been before the Courts during the last 4 years, and has been twice argued in the House of Lords, on the last occasion before 8 of the Queen Bench judges.

A MISSING SCHOONER.

Enquiries are being made along the Norfolk coast for the schooner Glenroy, which was being made along the coast of London, which has been missing since the gale. She left Newcastle on Nov. 27 for the Thames, and was last seen in the Wolds 2 days later, when the same owners' vessel, Leavitch, which left the North at the same time, when the gale came, and nothing has since been heard of the Glenroy, which it is feared, was the unidentified vessel lost off Felling, near Yarmouth.

FORECASTS OF WEATHER.

ENGLAND, N.W. Mostly to south-westerly winds; fine and cold at night.

ENGLAND, E. First, with mist or fog in places, cloudy later, probably some rain.

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the past. A most enjoyable evening was not after the dinner, and all the harmony of the night was to be complemented on their arrangements. The programme for the concert was somewhat a surprise, and it ranged all the line in members being most entertaining, and their efforts were appreciated by several who hail artists.

SALE OF GREYHOUNDS AT THE BARBICAN REPOSITORY.

There was a good muster of South Country men at Mr. Herbert Rymill's Repository on Tuesday, the 12th inst., to witness the sale of greyhounds of all classes. The most interest, however, was centred in the disposal of Mr. de la Motte's dog, as it was expected there would be a very spirited bidding for Sweet Coon, and at season finish, that many persons consider to fill a Waterloo Cup nomination, but the dog was sold to Mr. de la Motte for £100. From going to train, for 50 guineas.

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